

The Honorable Jack Eckerd  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Eckerd:

In accordance with Executive Order 11905 which directed the establishment of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence and the expanded role of the Intelligence Community Staff, the Director of Central Intelligence has been tasked with implementing all the necessary requirements of this directive. I consider implementation of this Executive order to be of pressing national concern and have directed the Director of Central Intelligence to proceed on a priority basis.

I have been advised that full and effective implementation of the Executive order faces a possible delay because of procedural reviews necessary before alteration of a building to house the staffs carrying out the functions established by the order. More specifically, I have been advised that the building selected as a Community Headquarters Building for the Committee on Foreign Intelligence and the Intelligence Community Staff has been defined as a "public building" under the Public Buildings Act; and, as such, proposed, necessary alterations need be reviewed by the Public Works Committees of the Congress.

As provided in Section 13(1)(I) of the Public Buildings Act (40 USC 612), I hereby exclude the Community Headquarters Building (formerly the Selective Service Building), 1724 F Street, Washington, D.C., from inclusion in the category of public buildings for reasons of the public interest. This exclusion is justified to be in the public interest by the facts that:

1. The urgency attendant with implementation of Executive Order 11905 will not permit the procedural delays incident to effecting alterations to this facility when categorized as a "public building";

2. The move of the Intelligence Community Staff into new space, outside the CIA Headquarters building, has been recognized by the House Committee on Appropriations as an appropriate step to counter allegations that the Intelligence Community Staff has been dominated by the CIA.

3. Because of the nature of the foreign intelligence activities to be conducted in the building, the building will not be truly "public" in the classic definition of the word.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

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